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January 28, 2000

Mr. K. David Waddell **Executive Secretary** Tennessee Regulatory Authority 460 James Robertson Parkway Nashville, Tennessee 37243-0505

à:

T. G. PAPPAS TEL: (615)742-6242 FAX: (615) 742-2742 EMAIL: tgpappas@bassberry.com

> RE: Petition of Yorkville Telephone Cooperative, Inc. For Approval of An IntraLATA Toll Dialing Parity Plan, Docket No. 99-00298

Dear Mr. Waddell:

As per the Tennessee Regulatory Authority's (the "TRA"), Order of August 24, 1999, we are refiling an original and thirteen (13) copies of the IntraLATA Toll Dialing Parity Implementation Plan (the "Plan") of Yorkville Telephone Cooperative, Inc. As directed, the Plan is being filed sixty (60) days prior to its implementation date of March 31, 2000.

In order to be in compliance with the FCC's rules and regulations and to comply with the TRA's Order of August 24, 1999, the Company:

> On September 22, 1999, notified all carriers operating in West (a) Tennessee of the Company's intent to convert to equal access on March 31, 2000. A copy of the Notice, and the persons to whom mailed, is attached hereto marked "A". Also, the carriers were notified that in order to be on the ballot they had to respond by December 2, 1999.



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(b) Notified all of its customers in writing of a Carrier Selection Procedure ("Equal Access Balloting" as outlined in Item IV on Page 2 of the Plan), will be accepted and processed "beginning January 24, 2000, to be effective on the implementation date." A copy of the Notice that was mailed to the customers is attached hereto marked "B".

If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact me or Mr. W. T. Sims, Manager of the Yorkville Telephone Cooperative, Telephone No. (901)643-6121.

Very truly yours,

T. G. Pappa

TGP/br#2085418

Enclosures

cc: Richard Collier, Esq.

Mr. Joe Werner

Mr. Carsie Mundy

Mr. W. T. Sims

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TEL: 901-643-6121 FAX: 901-643-6600

Yorkville, TN 38389

September 22, 1999

#### Dear Equal Access Coordinator:

This letter is official notification of intent by Yorkville Telephone Cooperative, Inc. to convert its Brazil (BRZLTNXADSO), Mason Hall (MSHLTNXADSO), Trimble(TRMBTNXADSO) and Yorkville (YRVLTNXADSO), Tennessee exchanges to equal access on March 31, 2000. These offices are, and will remain, behind the BellSouth equal access tandem in Memphis (MMPHTNMA84T), Tennessee. We have employed Cathey, Hutton & Associates, Inc., to perform the Balloting and Allocation process.

In order for your company to be listed on the ballot you must place a firm order for FG-D access to Yorkville Telephone Cooperative, Inc. no later than December 2, 1999. Please mail your Access Service Request (AS) to:

Yorkville Telephone Cooperative, Inc. P.O. Box 8
Yorkville, TN 38389

or you may fax it to 901-643-6600. Mark all correspondence - Attention: Equal Access Coordinator.

We have enclosed a Pre-subscription and Balloting Time Line and several forms that will need to be completed and returned to us.

Form 101 - Ballot Information.

This should be returned with your FG-D order.



Equal Access Coordinator

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September 22, 1999

Form 201 - Allocation Acceptance Form.

To: Mr. T. G. Pappas

This form must be returned no later than February 6, 2000.

Form 301 - Letter of Agency.

This form should accompany any lists of subscribers (end-users)

presented to Yorkville Telephone Cooperative, Inc.

Form 401 - Order Form.

This form should be used to order the specific tapes indicated.

Each Interexchange Carrier (IC) participating in the balloting process will have an equal chance of being listed first on the ballot. The order of IC selection for the first ballot will be on a random basis. Thereafter, an equal number of ballots will have each of the remaining ICs listed first on the initial ballot.

If you have any questions, please contact Jim Cherry or Marcella Jost with Cathey, Hutton & Associates at 770-446-7242.

Sincerely,

W. T. Sims

General Manager

Yorkville Telephone Cooperative, Inc.

**Enclosures** 

#### 8-16-99 **EQUAL ACCESS** BALLOT MAILING LIST

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Staten Island, New York 10311-1011

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Summerville, Georgia 30747

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Suite 3126

230 Park Avenue

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One Allied Drive

Little Rock, Arkansas 72202

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Suite 500

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Atlanta, Georgia 30328

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Smyrna, Georgia 30082

Steven D. Moses

Interstate Fibernet, Inc.

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West Point, Georgia 31833

Noshville,

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Debbie Vanausdoll, LEC Administrator WorldCom, Inc. 3rd Floor 12500 San Pedro San Antonia, Texas 78216

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The Phone Company
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New Hope, Pennsylvania 18938

Kay Schooler
NTS Communications
5307 West Loop 289
Lubbock, Texas 79414

From: Jim Cherry,

Arthur Wright Long Distance Management 611 Broadway Paducah, Kentucky 42001

Julie Trent Clucinnati Bell Long Distance Suite 2300 36 East 7th Street Cincinnati, Ohio 45202

Shayan Sexton TeleScan P.O. Box 4747 Johnson City, Tennessee 37602

Sumana Gowda
Corp Telemanagement - LCI International
4650 Lakehurst Court
Dublin, Ohio 43016

Kelly Connor Coastal Telephone Co. Suite 800 2 River Way Houston, Texas 77056

MR. W. T. Sims

Manager

Yorkville Communications, Inc.

Z Yorkville-Nebo Rd.

Yorkville, TN 39389



### IMPORTANT DEADLINE: Return enclosed ballot promptly

770-466-7243

Dear Yorkville Telephone Cooperative Customer,

To: Mr. T. G. Pappas

As part of the restructuring of the telephone industry, you have an opportunity to choose the long distance company that will provide your long distance service.

Yorkville Telephone Cooperative will provide you the opportunity to choose an INTRALATA company for calls within the boundaries of an area known as a LATA (Local Access and Transport Area) or what we also refer to as a Telephone Company Zone. You are in the Memphis LATA, bounded on the east by the Tennessee River and on the west by the Mississippi River and running from the southern border of Tennessee to the northern border, generally referred to as West Tennessee. In the past, only BellSouth has handled these calls. All "1+" calls placed to locations outside of your LATA or local Telephone Company Zone have been handled in the past only by AT&T. Now, the long distance company that you choose will handle these calls. Using the enclosed ballot you can choose the same company for both the INTERLATA and INTRALATA or you may choose a different company for each.

On the ballot you will find listed (in random order) the long distance companies that wish to provide you with "1+" long distance service for both INTERLATA and INTRALATA calls. Each company has installed the appropriate equipment that will allow you to direct dial (1 + telephone number) your long distance calls.

Please select the company(ies) to provide your long distance service and return the ballot without delay. Your phone will be connected with your chosen long distance company on the effective service date shown on the ballot.

If you have any questions about the service provided by these long distance companies, simply call the appropriate customer service number listed next to each name on the ballot.

It should be noted that Yorkville Telephone Cooperative has no preference as to which long distance company you select. But we do encourage you to exercise your right to choose. We are required by law to randomly assign a long distance provider to customers who do not return a ballot.

There is no cost to you to have the long distance company of your choice connected to your telephone line.

Please return the enclosed ballot as soon as possible so that you will be able to continue the convenience of "1+" dialing. If you have any questions about this process, please call Yorkville Telephone Cooperative at (901) 643-6121.

Thank you,

### YORKVILLE TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE 2 YORKVILLE - NEBO RD.

# EQUAL ACCESS BALLOT ACTION REQUIRED!

YORKVILLE, TN. 38389

Main Billed Telephone Number:	

FCC Regulations now require you to select a long distance company to provide your 1+ dialed long distance service for calls outside your local telephone company calling area. Please use one of the following equal access ballot options to make your equal access long distance company selection.

OPTION ONE - Please mark the long distance company you want to provide your 1+ long distance telephone service. Mark only one company from the list on the back.

OPTION TWO<sup>\*</sup> - If you wish to use different long distance companies for each of your telephone numbers, use the list below to make your selection. Please print the four-digit code (from the list on the back of the ballot) to the right opposite each telephone number.

PLEASE SIGN AND RETURN BALLOT BY: FEBRUARY 3, 2000

Effective Date of Service. Your telephone (or telephones) will be connected with your chosen long distance company (or companies) on:

MARCH 31, 2000

#### \*OPTION TWO

( ) If you have multiple telephone numbers and wish to assign each telephone number listed to different long distance companies, please indicate below.

## PLEASE TURN BALLOT OVER TO SEE LIST OF PARTICIPATING CARRIERS

This company will make every effort to ensure that your telephone service is connected to the long distance company you choose. In the event your service is inadvertently connected to a different company we will assume liability only to the extent of connecting your chosen company at the earliest opportunity after you notify us.

Return to:

EQUAL ACCESS BALLOT COORDINATOR 3300 HOLCOMB BRIDGE ROAD, SUITE 286

NORCROSS, GA 30092-3239

Signature		Date

REC'D THE RECULATORY AUTH.

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OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

#### YORKVILLE TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE

IntraLATA Toll Dialing Parity Implementation Plan

March 31, 2000

Implementation Date

YORKVILLE TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE

Yorkville Tennessee

#### I. Purpose

Yorkville Telephone Cooperative (Yorkville) describes herein the process for implementing intraLATA toll Dialing parity in the Yorkville exchanges located in the state of Tennessee. The intent of this Plan is to provide a proposal that, upon implementation, would provide customers the ability to select the participating telecommunications carrier of their choice for routing their intraLATA toll calls. Yorkville will associate with the LATA 468 for the purposes of providing toll dialing parity as will as its provision for interLata equal access.

#### II. IntraLATA Environment

Yorkville customers can currently dial an access code to complete intraLATA toll calls to another carrier. After implementation of this intraLATA Toll Dialing Implementation Plan (the "Plan"), customers will be able to subscribe to the carrier of their choice for intraLATA as well as interlata service (two PIC subscription capability). Customers will dial 1+ the area code and number to complete calls using their presubscribed carrier. If customers wish to complete a call using a carrier other than their subscribed carrier, they will need to dial the carrier's access code (i.e., 101XXXX).

Each end office switch will be equipped with the capability of allowing each end user subscriber to select "no-PIC" as a valid intraLATA subscription selection. Customers selecting "no-PIC" as their subscribed carrier will not be able to make intraLATA tolls on a 1+ or 0+ dialed basis. Such customer will need to dial an access code each time he or she makes an intraLATA call.

In 1992, toll-free intraLATA county-wide calling was initiated for all Local Exchange Carrier's via an order from the Tennessee Public Service Commission. BellSouth Telecommunications Inc. ("BellSouth") currently maintains tax-code billing tables to identify "free-county-wide" intraLATA toll calls originated by Yorkville intraLATA toll customers and to ensure that billing does not occur on these calls. Yorkville will continue to process toll-free intraLATA county-wide calls in this matter for toll customers after implementation of intraLATA toll dialing as long as technically feasible.

#### III. Implementation Schedule

Yorkville will provide intraLATA toll dialing parity in Tennessee on March 31, 2000 in conjunction with it's proposed implementation of interLATA equal access.

#### IV. Carrier Selection Procedures

Yorkville will implement the full Two-PIC (Primary Interexchange Carrier) carrier selection methodology. With the full two-PIC methodology, customers will be able to subscribe to one telecommunications carrier for interLATA toll calls and subscribe to the same or a different participating telecommunications carrier, for all intraLATA toll calls. Orders for changes will be accepted and processed beginning on the implementation date.

Yorkville employees who communicate with the public, accept customer orders, and serve in customer service capacities will be trained to explain to customers the process for making PIC changes for intraLATA toll calls. Business Office personnel and the Customer Account Records system will be prepared to make changes in customer records based upon requests from customers or carriers and direct customers to their chosen intraLATA carriers. Processes will be in place to provide new customers with an opportunity to choose their intraLATA toll carrier from a list of available carriers.

<sup>1</sup> Concurrently with the filing of this Plan, Yorkville is filing with The Tennessee Regulatory Authority ("TRA") a Petition for Modification ("Petition") of the time frames for implementing intraLata toll dialing parity that were prescribed by the Federal Communications Commission ("FCC") as well as the FCC's "default" carrier rules. The March 31, 2000 date noted herein is based on the assumption that the TRA will approve Yorkville's Petition for the reasons stated therein.

#### **Existing Customers**

Currently, BellSouth is the only subscribed intraLATA toll provider for existing customers in Yorkville local exchange area. On March 31, 2000 customers may subscribe to any telecommunications carrier offering intraLATA toll service in their exchange. Existing customers will remain with BellSouth until they affirmatively choose an intraLATA toll carrier. Customers may make this selection through their own initiative or as a result of the promotional maxeting activities of participating intraLATA toll telecommunications carriers. Customers may communicate their selected carriers to Yorkville directly or through their selected carriers.

Subject to the proposed PIC Charge Waive Period discussed below, customers will be assessed a PIC change charge for changing their intraLATA carrier at a rate of \$5.00. When customers request a simultaneous change to the same carrier for their interstate and intrastate service, Yorkville will assess one PIC charge.

A charge will be established for unauthorized PIC changes submitted by carriers to Yorkville for enduser customers(slamming).

#### **New Installation Customers**

Yorkville customer contact representatives will be provided discussion guidelines that will provide a new customer with the following information:

- 1. Inform the customers that a choice of intraLATA toll providers is now available to him or her.
- 2. Offer to read the customer a list of available carriers in randomly generated order.
- 3. Advise the customer that various carriers provide intraLATA toll service.

Customers who do no make a positive choice for an intraLATA toll carrier will be notified that they will not be automatically defaulted to a carrier and will be required to dial an access code to place intraLATA toll calls until they make an affirmative choice for an intraLATA toll carrier.

#### PIC Charge Waive Period

Customers will be given a period of ninety (90) days within which to make one change of their preferred carrier at no cost to the customer. This waiver period will begin on March 31, 2000. The cost associated with this waiver will be recovered through the general cost recovery mechanism.

#### V. Customer Education/Notification

At the time of implementation, March 31, 2000, Yorkville will issue a press release announcing the availability of intraLATA 1+subscription. This press release will announce the opportunity to choose a primary intraLATA carrier and explain the 90 day waiver period from March 31, 2000 through June 30, 2000.

Yorkville will notify all existing end users via a direct mailing and a bill message regarding intraLATA subscription implementation and explain their opportunity to select an intraLATA carrier. The wording of the customer notification includes an explanation of the PIC change charge waiver period and is shown as Exhibit A. Customer telephone directories will be updated as new editions are published to reflect the opportunity for customers to choose an intraLATA toll carrier. After implementation, all new customers will be advised of intraLATA availability and requested to make an intraLATA carrier selection.

#### VI. Carrier Notification

Current interexchange carriers will be notified of Yorkville's interLATA implementation in compliance with the applicable interstate equal access requirements. In addition, interexchange carriers will be notified of Yorkville's intraLATA Toll Dialing Parity implementation via Certified U.S. Mail sixty days prior to its implementation with a subsequent notification at the time of implementation. Carriers that currently participate in interLATA toll will be assumed to be participants in the intraLATA toll marker. Certified carriers who enter the market after implementation will be added to the list of participating carriers within 30 days of notifying Yorkville.

#### VII. Operator Services and Directory Assistance

Access to Operator Services and Directory Assistance will continue to be available through the customer's local exchange carrier or interLATA carrier. No industry standard exists for access to Operator Services and Directory Assistance unique to intraLATA services. For Operator Services, customers dial "0" to reach their local exchange operator and "00" to reach their interLATA operator. For Directory Assistance, customers dial "1-411" for accessing the local exchange Directory Assistance and dial "1-NPA-555-1212" for accessing their interLATA carrier's Directory Assistance.

#### VIII. Cost Recovery

In accordance with 47 C. F.R. Section 51.215, adopted in the FCC's Second Report and Order and Memorandum Opinion and Order in CC Docker No. 96-98, cost recovery for incremental cost of dialing parity, specific switch software, necessary hardware, signaling system upgrades and customer education cost that are specifically to implement dialing parity, will be implemented in a competitively neutral manner across all providers of telephone exchange service a telephone toll service in the area served by Yorkville. Incremental costs will be recovered from all carriers through a rate element based upon originating intrastate switched access minutes of use (MOUs) during the 4 years cost recovery period. Attached, as Exhibit B is a detailed explanation of the cost recovery methodology. An annual true-up will be conducted and reported to the TRA.

#### IX. Statement of compliance.

Yorkville will comply with all rules of the FCC and TRA.

Executed as of the 21th Day of April, 1999

W. T. Sims

General Manger of YTC 2 Nebo Yorkville Rd.

P O Box 8

Yorkville TN 38389 Phone: 901-643-6121

#### Exhibit A

#### **BILL MESSAGE**

"Yorkville implemented local toll 1+subscription service on March 31, 2000. You are now able to choose a local toll provider. Your current carrier will continue to provide this service for you or you may select another carrier. You may select the same provider as your interstate long distance service provider or you may select a different provider for each service. Your first selection prior to June 30, 2000 will be free."

#### **DIRECT MAILING**

#### IMPORTANT NOTICE ABOUT LOCAL TOLL SERVICE

"As of March 31, 2000, you are able to choose your provider of "1+"local toll service. This change allows you to remain with your current carrier or select a different long distance carrier for local toll calls. Please refer to the information pages in the front of your Yorkville Telephone directory under "Long Distance Service" for a description of toll calling areas.

If you would like to select a different carrier for your "1+" local toll service, you should contact that company. No action is necessary to keep current your provider for these local toll calls.

From March 31, 2000 until June 30, 2000 you will be able to change your local toll carrier one time without charge. There may be a charge for each subsequent change you make in local toll companies.

#### Exhibit B

# TENNESSEE METHODOLOGY FOR RECOVERY OF COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH IMPLEMENTATION OF INTRALATA SUBSCRIPTION

#### **CALCULATION OF INITIAL EQUAL ACCESS RATE ELEMENT**

Step 1: Identify the estimated total incremental costs directly attributable to the provisioning of IntraLata Subscription.

#### \$42,000.00

Step2: Identify estimated total Intrastate/IntraLATA minutes of use for the 4 year recovery period.

4,378,056

Step 3: Calculate a cost recovery rate by dividing amount in Step 1 by the Minutes of Use in Step 2.

\$0.00096

#### ANNUAL TRUE-UP OF EQUAL ACCESS RATE ELEMENT

Repeat Steps 1 through 3 and calculate an updated access rate element by dividing amount in Step 1, adjusted by the previous year/years cost recovery.